

**MINUTES OF THE
SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING
RED OAK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Tuesday, August 6, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Red Oak ISD School Safety and Security Committee Meeting was held Tuesday, August 6, 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM at the Red Oak ISD Education Service Center, 109 West Red Oak Road, Red Oak, TX 75154.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISH QUORUM

The Regular Meeting of the School Safety and Security Committee was called to order by Phillip Prasifka, ROISD Chief of Police/Emergency Management Coordinator, at 6:01 pm.

A quorum of Committee members was present and the meeting was duly called. The notice of the meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.00.

The following Committee members were present: Phillip Prasifka, ROISD Chief of Police/Emergency Management Coordinator; Garland Wolf, City of Red Oak Police Chief; Ben Blanton, City of Red Oak Fire Chief; Kevin Freels, ROISD Assistant Superintendent of Operations;; Melanie Petersen, President of the ROISD School Board;; Brenda Sanford, ROISD Superintendent; Angela Fitzgerald, ROISD Director of Counseling & Family Services; Melody Hawkins, ROISD Student Support Specialist; Dr. Thurston Lamb, ROISD Chief of Operations; J.W. Tabor, ROISD Classroom Teacher; Mandie Wherley, Parent of student in ROISD.

The following committee members were absent: Michaela Sandefer, Ellis County Emergency Management Coordinator; Ginger Anderson, Parent of students in ROISD; Johnny Knight, ROISD School Board Member; Nick Bristow, City of Glenn Heights Police Chief; Nick Williams, City of Glenn Heights Fire Chief; Joseph McCall, Parent of students in ROISD; Donald Fullerton, ROISD Police Sergeant/Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator.

2. INVOCATION

Phillip Prasifka, ROISD Chief of Police/Emergency Management Coordinator led the invocation.

3. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Brenda Sanford, ROISD Superintendent, led the Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Texas flags.

4. RED OAK ISD SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATE

Phillip Prasifka, Chief of Police, Red Oak ISD Police Department

Dr. Thurston Lamb, Chief of operations and J.W. Tabor, ROISD classroom teacher, have been added to the Red Oak ISD Safety and Security Committee. Kevin Freels, ROISD Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Kristi Pickard, ROISD classroom teacher are no longer members of the Red Oak ISD Safety and Security Committee.

5. SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE

Phillip Prasifka, Chief of Police, Red Oak ISD Police Department

A. Police Department Staffing

1. Current Staffing

The ROISD Police Department is currently one short from being fully staffed.

- **11 currently fully sworn**
- **5 security officers**
- **1 security analyst/communications**
- **1 administrative assistant/communications**

2. Responsibilities of Staff Members

It is noted that police officers will only assist with safety and security. They are not responsible for discipline or administrative duties per state law.

B. Professional Development

1. **Mental Health First Aid**- Per legislation, all staff members that wrk with students will attend Mental Health First Aid (Youth) Certification training by the end of the 28/29 school year. Red Oak ISD has rolled out a 5 year plan. 2024/2025 staff members being trained are administrators, counselors, nurses, and police personnel.
2. **School Based Law Enforcement**- Training held through Texas State Safety Center. 4 officers are currently being trained.
3. **ALLERT Requirements**- Officers trained

C. District Wide Safety Training

- **Every ROISD employee will receive safety training.**

D. Fall Safety Week

- **Safety week will be the week of September 9, 2024.**
- 1. **Standard Response Protocol- All parts tested**
- 2. **After Action Review- drills and actual events**

- E. Intruder Detection Audits- **Nothing was detected in the 2023/2024 School year audits.**
 - F. Vulnerability Assessments- **New state law that every district will have an assessment by TEA. It is a three-year process, and districts are randomly selected every year.**
 - G. SENTINEL- **Website to house all safety information. Will include Threat Assessment in the future.**
 - H. Area First Responder Campus Tour Invitations- **Monday, August 12th.**
 - I. Campus Activity- **2023/2024- 451 reports and 42 detentions.**
6. NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRESS UPDATE
Kevin Freels, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
All plans for the Middle School are on track and in progress.
7. ACTION ITEMS
- A. Consideration and Approval of March 26, 2024 School Safety and Security Committee Meeting Minutes
Phillip Prasifka, Chief of Police, Red Oak ISD Police Department

Ben Blanton, City of Red Oak Fire Chief, made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2023 School Safety and Security Committee Meeting. Melanie Peterson, President of the Red Oak ISD School Board, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - B. Consideration and Approval of Setting a Proposed Date for the School Safety and Security Meeting for Fall 2024.
Phillip Prasifka, Chief of Police, Red Oak ISD Police Department

Garland Wolf, City of Red Oak Police Chief, made a motion to approve the Fall 2024 meeting for October 14, 2024. Mandie Wherley, parent of student in Red Oak ISD, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
8. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE RED OAK ISD EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN AND ANNEXES
Phillip Prasifka, Chief of Police, Red Oak ISD Police Department
- A. October 2024 Submission Update
9. CLOSED SESSION

The Committee convened into Closed Session at 6:32 PM.

- A. Texas Government Code 551.071 - For the purpose of a private consultation with the school attorney on any and all subjects or matters authorized by law.
 - B. Texas Government Code 551.074 - For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee
 - C. Texas Government Code 551.076 - To consider the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices.
10. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION FOR ACTION RELATIVE TO CLOSED SESSION

The Committee reconvened back into Open Session at 6:36 PM.

11. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business or action to be taken, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.



Phillip Prasifika,, ROISD Chief of Police

Angela Fitzgerald

Angela Fitzgerald, Director of Counseling & Family Service